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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mrs Allison Lim

Wow! We finally gathered in the school hall after two long years! What a lovely sight and great level of energy from all of you!

In the second term of 2022, we have seen many things evolving because of the easing of the Safe Management Measures of COVID-19. Inter-School games are possible again, learning journeys are back, recess play is in action, group discussions are buzzing away in classrooms... What does this mean? We are moving into a new phase of living with COVID-19 because we have, to a large extent, managed the situation impacted by the pandemic well! From the decisive strategies such as vaccination, lock-down etc, planned by our government, to front-line workers tirelessly guarding their stations, to our teachers persevering in their care for you, not short-changing teaching and learning, we are now able to resume many activities that meant a lot to all of us – face-to-face interaction that connects us for relationship building.

There is so much joy when we can have a meal together, catch up with one another and go on learning journeys while enjoying one another's company, jokes and laughter, not to mention, beyond the four walls of your classrooms! Be it in the WELL activities, OELE, CCAs or camps, we can now see the other dimension of character building through teamwork as we intentionally design our programmes to facilitate group support and learning.

Even when I am still giving thanks for how Singapore and therefore our School (with teachers, staff, you and your parents joining hearts and hands together) has navigated well through the Pandemic, I am also reminded of the many countries

around us and some further away, that are not as fortunate. North Korea is grappling with the Virus with its very low rate of vaccination amongst its people. Life is very tough for the people of Ukraine who are fighting a war against Russia.

During this June holiday, just as with every holiday, I want us to do this one important thing – to take time to count our blessings and appreciate those who love and care for you. I also want you to proactively think of what you can do for those with more needs than you. Donating clothes, books or toys that are of good quality; helping your parents with household chores; giving them a surprise home-cooked breakfast; making cards with appreciative words to thank them. I am sure, with your creativity, you can think of many ways to use your strengths and talents to be a blessing to all around you. Every word of thanks will fuel deep encouragement and bring much joy! Just do it!

I wish you a very fruitful holiday with your family and friends, where you will spend the time to read, explore a new interest, exercise and actively do kind deeds together.

Remember, be "Ladies of compassion" wherever you are. God is our Light! Hence, go forth and shine!



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Pengalaman Saya pada Hari Raya

Hari Raya Puasa yang juga dikenali sebagai Hari Raya Aidilfitri disambut oleh umat Islam. Ia jatuh pada 1 Syawal dan menandakan berakhirnya bulan suci Ramadhan. Setelah sebulan berpuasa menahan lapar dan dahaga serta membersihkan rohani kita, tiba-tiba masa yang dinanti-nantikan. Bulan Syawal merupakan masa pengampunan apabila keluarga berkumpul. Kami saling bermaaf-maafan atas sebarang kekhilafan selama ini.

Lazimnya, seperti keluarga yang lain juga, keluarga saya akan membuat persiapan hari raya sebelum berakhirnya Ramadhan. Selain dari membersihkan seluruh rumah, ibu bapa saya akan membeli pakaian baru untuk saya dan abang saya. Kami sekeluarga akan mengenakan pakaian yang sedondon. Pada pendapat saya, tema warna yang sama juga boleh melambangkan ikatan dan hubungan sesebuah kekeluargaan.

Pada pagi Hari Raya kami sekeluarga bersolat Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Sesudah menunaikan solat, kami menikmati juadah bersama. Di meja, terdapat banyak lauk-pauk raya yang ibu sediakan. Lauk-pauk raya yang wajib ada untuk keluarga saya adalah lontong, lodeh, rendang, sambal goreng dan ayam masak merah. Namun, kami hanya makan sekadar alas perut sahaja. Kami tahu, setiap kunjungan kami ke rumah saudara-mara pasti akan ada juadah Hari Raya yang terhidang. Sejurus selepas itu, kami akan bermaaf-maafan sesama ahli keluarga sebelum berkunjung ke rumah saudara-mara yang lain.

Hari Raya tahun ini juga sangat unik bagi saya, saya amat teruja dan bersyukur kerana dipilih sebagai salah seorang juru acara untuk sambutan Hari Raya di sekolah. Bersama-sama dengan

juruacara pasangan saya, kami perlu berlatih untuk persesembahan kami. Walaupun skrip sudah diberikan, kami perlu berlatih menjaga intonasi suara dan cara penyampaian kami perlu menarik hati para penonton. Sejurnya, saya berasa agak khuatir dan gusar tentang penyampaian saya. Namun, apabila persempahan bermula, saya menyedari ketakutan itu sama sekali tidak berasas.

Selama dua tahun, sambutan Hari Raya telah terjejas oleh COVID-19 kerana langkah pengurusan yang selamat, jadi saya amat bersyukur kerana kita dapat menyambut Hari Raya tahun ini seperti tahun-tahun sebelum COVID-19. Saya berasa sangat seronok dapat berkunjung-kunjungan dan merapatkan ikatan silaturahim bersama keluarga, sanak-saudara dan rakan-rakan.

Hasil perkongsian
Izza Zafira Binte Jeffri
5 Perseverance



2022 has been a wonderful year thus far, especially for many of our girls who participate in team sports. CCAs have finally resumed, with team sports being able to train together instead of via Zoom. It has also been two years since our netballers have had a chance to participate in the National School Games (NSG) and the last chance for our P6 netballers to represent Marymount Convent School at NSG. The girls have shown missionary zeal throughout the competition, and given their best shot at every chance. Camaraderie built up amongst them through months of training and tough matches was fantastic.

We have asked a few netballers to share their takeaways from their experience in finally being able to play at the NSG.



The NSG taught me determination, willpower and teamwork and it was a memorable experience because fortunately, I had the chance to play with my teammates before my graduation. This

NSG made me realise that regardless of the outcome of the matches, what truly matters is that you learn something from them, work on it and do better the next time.

Natasya Davina Wangsa (Captain)
6 Zeal



Shooting the first goal in the tournament was the most memorable experience. We worked so hard for this and finally scored our first goal. It's like you're very tired, nervous and want to stop but you just can't because you're having a blast. However, throughout this opportunity, I learnt to be responsible and be a leader. Together as a team, we displayed sportsmanship. Whether we won or lost, we cheered the opponent on and thanked the umpires. This was indeed a valuable experience. We were fortunate to feel the bitterness of loss and sweetness of victory.

Jude Albina Sharol (Vice Captain)
6 Humility



This was our first experience participating in the NSG and I truly felt that it was a game-changing opportunity for me. Some challenges I faced were the loud sounds, such as the constant whistles, the painful falls and the fact that I am shorter than most of the players I had to defend. But it was all worth it, as I have learnt many values and forged strong friendships with my teammates.

I learnt to persevere by always trying and not giving up. I learnt to be zealous by always giving 100% of my effort.

All in all, it was a great experience and if I had another chance to participate in the NSG, I will definitely go for it.

Alexis Ong
6 Compassion



Being able to participate in the NSG was truly a gift, as NSG for netball was paused for two years due to COVID-19. During the games, I was very nervous as I wanted to win and bring glory to Marymount Convent School and my nervousness swayed my judgement at times when I had to make the decision to throw the ball or not. We were aware that we had to build strong communication amongst all of us so that we were alert to the gameplay.

This NSG had taught me perseverance. Even after losing the first three matches, we continued to persevere and won the 4th and 5th matches. Even though we did not qualify for the finals, the time spent together with my team was truly a great experience.

Wesley Goh
6 Perseverance



When I first heard of the news that we were finally going to participate in the NSG, I felt excited and nervous at the same time as it would be my first time joining a competition and I did not know what to expect. When the tournament season started, our netball coach began teaching us many new techniques. When I reached the venue for the competition, I had butterflies in my stomach. During the next few rounds I felt more confident as I got used to playing with the other schools. In conclusion, I enjoyed the experience and learnt that perseverance is very important.

Zhu Yifei
6 Gratitude



Being able to participate in the NSG was a great experience as it has stopped for a few years due to the pandemic. I was unable to join the first few matches because of the strict vaccination requirements. Hence, I felt very anxious before my first match. During the matches, there were times when I forgot what to do and my captain and teammates supported me. It was a great opportunity for me as it taught me to be responsible. I had to train, keep up with my school work and revise for my upcoming examinations. Although we won only two matches, I am very proud to have been able to represent my school.

Faith Gracie Tan
6 Perseverance

NATIONAL SCHOOL GAMES (NSG)

Prefects' Investiture

Being in the graduating year, this year's Prefects' Investiture was a special one for us. The realisation that it was to be our final time on the stage for the ceremony, wearing our Marymount Convent School prefect's tie and donning the badge, made us all the more determined to make it a memorable experience for us as well as each and every prefect on the Prefectorial Board. We wanted it to be an experience that we would look back on with pride and honour, knowing we had done our very best to prepare for the ceremony.

It has been a yearly tradition for the Head and Vice-Head Prefects to lead the Prefectorial Board to recite the Prefects' Oath during the Prefects' Investiture, and this year is no exception either. In the lead up to the Prefects' Investiture, we had to attend rehearsals and meetings and also practise reciting the Prefects' Oath and committing it to our memory. The Prefects' Oath articulates a commitment to the guiding principles of student leadership in Marymount Convent School.

On the day of the Prefects' Investiture, we were overwhelmed with emotions as we led the prefects in reciting the Prefects' Oath for the first time. Standing

on the stage, being part of the Prefectorial Board and listening to the entire team recite the Prefects' Oath with confidence, conviction and zeal was a truly emotional and inspiring experience. We could feel the strong support and camaraderie coming from all the prefects and we were very touched by the commitment our prefects have shown to lead and to serve.

We are truly grateful for the trust that the school has placed on us and the leadership opportunities presented to us. We, with our fellow prefects, are looking forward to serve the school with humility and zeal to make this year a meaningful and blessed one for all.

Eleana Au
Head Prefect

Yeo Chenxi & Jung Dahye
Vice-Head Prefects



Reflection - Being an emcee

Foundress Day and Prize Giving Day

Ever since I was a child, emceeing has been my dream. The thought of holding the microphone and addressing people brings me extreme joy and excitement. Unfortunately, this desire had always remained a dream until one memorable incident...

I volunteered myself for the termly Speak-Well-Programme. After the voting process, the results came in and were a reflection of the tremendous effort I had put in. Alas, I squealed in delight, I was selected to represent my class! I started practising tirelessly. I was determined to do well. A big thanks to my English teacher, Ms Melissa, for choosing and encouraging me.

I went for a training session with Ms Kail for the programme. She was quite impressed with my speaking skills. Just a few days later, my mother got a call from Ms Kail asking if I was

interested in being an emcee for the upcoming Prize Giving Day. I was elated. There were no words to explain how jubilant I was then. Of course, I agreed with no objection at all.

I was required to stay behind for a few training sessions. It was really tough. I had no idea what emceeing was all about. Thankfully, I always had my teachers, Mrs Khong, Mrs Lee and Ms Kail, who were by my side to guide me on. My co-emcees, Aadya Kumar and Celeste Yap (my peers from Primary Six) were my pillars of support as well. Gradually, I gained confidence and was ready.

Finally, the day had come to put into action what I had practised so far. I felt nervous, but I did my best. I made a few blunders in-between but there were no major mistakes. Anyway, you learn from mistakes right? At the end of it all, we did a great job! I felt as though I had lifted a heavy boulder off my back. I was so proud of myself.

As the saying goes, 'Gratitude is the memory of the heart' by our foundress, Saint Mary Euphrasia, I really want to thank everyone who has been part of this very memorable event! I am truly very grateful for this opportunity and will definitely value it with all my heart.

Tharini Gnanavelou
5 Integrity

